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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Richard Charles Trembath et al.

Application No.: 09/701,257

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Examiner: Sakelaris, Sally A.

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For: SUSCEPTIBILITY TO PSORIASIS

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED AUGUST 25, 2004

Dear Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed August 25, 2004. The period for response is a shortened statutory period of one month from the mailing date of the Official Action. This response is being filed with a Petition for a One (1) Month Extension of Time in which to file, and the requisite fee, making this Reply due on or before October 25, 2004.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. Thus, Applicants elect to prosecute Group II, claims 2-13 and 17 drawn to a method for determining the susceptibility of a patient to psoriasis through nucleic acid sequence analysis, without traverse.

Applicants were further requested to elect a single haplotype including a single position at each of the 3 positions on the S gene. Applicants respectfully submit, however, that this election is not necessary, because the diagnostic method includes determining that the S gene